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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Jamming of Voice of USA Broadcasts

1. Tests conducted [redacted] on 27 and 28 February 1948 and during the period 1 - 7 March 1948 indicate almost conclusively that intentional jamming on all audible frequencies of Voice of USA Broadcasts in Russian to the Far East is being conducted. Information Reports OO-P-38 dated 2 March 1948 and OO-P-39 dated 16 March 1948 describing this jamming in greater detail are attached hereto.

2. According to a confidential message dated 2 March 1948 from the American Embassy at Vladivostok, the daily Voice of USA Broadcasts in Russian beamed to the Far East through the relay stations at Honolulu and Manila are now almost totally unintelligible owing to a powerful rear which blocks their respective frequencies. Prior to the last week of February reception had been reported as very good. The interference was heard so strongly, spreading over adjacent frequencies, that the Embassy staff suspects origin to be near Vladivostok.

3. According to a confidential message dated 17 January 1948 from the American Embassy in Moscow concerning reception of Voice of USA Broadcasts in Russian during the second week of January 1948, reception of all frequencies [redacted]

[redacted] improved during this period, but were still drowned out by the more powerful signals of Radio Moscow transmitting on the same or adjacent frequencies. Broadcasts on only one frequency remain intelligible. It is believed that this situation is partially created due to the fact that the United States and Russia are both attempting to use frequencies formerly used by Germany, and, while in this instance this may not be deliberate jamming, its effect on Voice of USA Broadcasts is the same.

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